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Boise State University took delivery Monday of millions of pages of documents donated by the late Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, before he died earlier this year.

The Boise institution called it one of the largest collections of papers ever compiled by a United States senator.

Before Monday, the Church papers had been in temporary storage at the State Library. The papers previously had been housed at Stanford University.

Church, who lost a re-election bid in 1980 to Republican Steve Symms, died last April of pancreatic cancer.

Boise State has built a 2,500-square-foot room in a college building to house more than 3 million pages in the collection, which includes books, maps, letters and other documents.

"It will take approximately two years to prepare and index the collection," said Ralph Hansen, Boise State's associate librarian.

The collection contains research and correspondence written by Church while he was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Special Committee on Aging, school officials said.

Also included are papers about the Central Intelligence Agency, Vietnam, gun control and other issues, as well as copies of many of the 24-year senator's speeches.